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ACTION COMICS

Featuring
SUPERMAN
in
"The EYE of METROPOLIS!"

CLARK KENT, AS MILLIONS WATCH THIS TV PROGRAM, I CHALLENGE YOU TO DENY THAT YOU'RE **SUPERMAN** IN DISGUISE! DOESN'T THIS ARMY NEWSREEL SHOW **YOU** IN ACTION?

IF I DON'T TELL THE TRUTH, THE LIE DETECTOR WILL REVEAL IT! WHAT CAN I DO?



You Can WIN

This 15" tall
SILVER TROPHY
JUST AS I DID IN
10 MINUTES
OF FUN
A DAY!

**I GAINED
60 LBS. OF SHAPELY
POWER-PACKED
MUSCLES!**

Which of these

**2 ME'S
is YOU?**

that 125 lb.

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CHESTED SISSY** below
A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO

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YOUR LAST
CHANCE
TO GET FOR
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John Sill
UTAH

There's that
skinny scarecrow
JOHN. Let's
pass him by!



JOHN SILL
was a 125 lb. WEAKLING
Look at him NOW—
A MOVIE-STAR HE-MAN

from Head to Toe
**as YOU
can be
soon!**



John Sill before

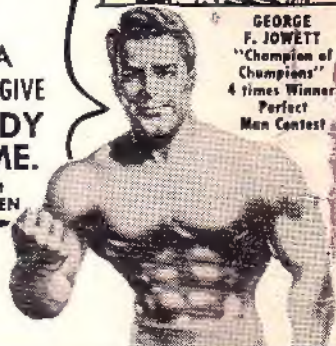
NO! friend you
don't have to be
SKINNY any more
just mail **NOW**
the **FREE**
coupon below
as I did. Soon
YOU can add
7 inches to your **CHEST**
3 inches to each **ARM** **FREE**
and the rest
in proportion
just as I did

**Come on, PAL, NOW
YOU GIVE ME
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A
DAY IN YOUR HOME... AND I'LL GIVE
YOU a NEW HE-MAN BODY
For your OLD SKELETON FRAME.**

says *George F. Jowett* World's Greatest
Builder of HE-MEN

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are; if you're a teen-ager, in your 20's or 30's or over; if you're short or tall, or what work you do. All I want is **JUST 10 EXCITING MINUTES** in your home to **MAKE YOU OVER** by the **SAME METHOD** I turned myself from a wreck to a Champion of Champions.

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SUPERMAN

THIS NEWS PHOTO SHOWS AN ESCAPED CONVICT FIRING A GUN DIRECTLY AT YOU! HE COULDN'T HAVE MISSED-- YET YOU WERE UNHURT! IS IT BECAUSE YOU, CLARK KENT, ARE **SUPERMAN!**

ONE OF THE MOST CLOSELY GUARDED OF SECRETS IS THE SECRET IDENTITY OF **SUPERMAN!** UP TILL NOW, NO EYE HAS EVER SEEN THE TRUTH-- THAT MILD-MANNERED REPORTER CLARK KENT, MASKS THE HERCULEAN PERSON OF **SUPERMAN!** BUT NOW AN **EYE** FOCUSES ON CLARK--AN **EYE** THAT TRIES TO PEER BENEATH HIS REPORTER GUISE AND EXPOSE HIS SECRET TO THE WORLD! WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CLARK TRIES TO AVOID THAT MERCILESS GAZE, YOU WILL READ IN THE SUSPENSEFUL STORY OF...

"The **EYE** *of*
METROPOLIS!"

GREAT SCOTT! HOW AM I GOING TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION?

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AT THE **DAILY PLANET**, TIMID, MILD REPORTER CLARK KENT, WHO IS SECRETLY **SUPERMAN**, IS SUMMONED INTO PERRY WHITE'S OFFICE...

CLARK, IT SEEMS THAT BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN VOTED "**REPORTER OF THE YEAR**", YOU'VE BECOME A CELEBRITY-- SO, I'VE A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU...



I'VE ARRANGED FOR YOU TO APPEAR AS A GUEST ON "THE **EYE OF METROPOLIS**" PROGRAM.

JOHN BATES' TV SHOW THAT INTERVIEWS FAMOUS PERSONALITIES? BUT...



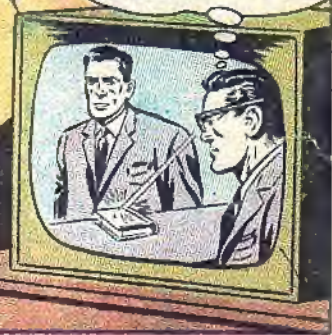
NO BUT! THE PUBLICITY WILL BE GOOD FOR THE PAPER!

BATES IS AN HONEST INTERVIEWER, BUT HE ASKS TRICKY QUESTIONS-- AND HE MIGHT ASK ONE THAT WOULD ACCIDENTALLY TOUCH ON MY SECRET **SUPERMAN IDENTITY!**

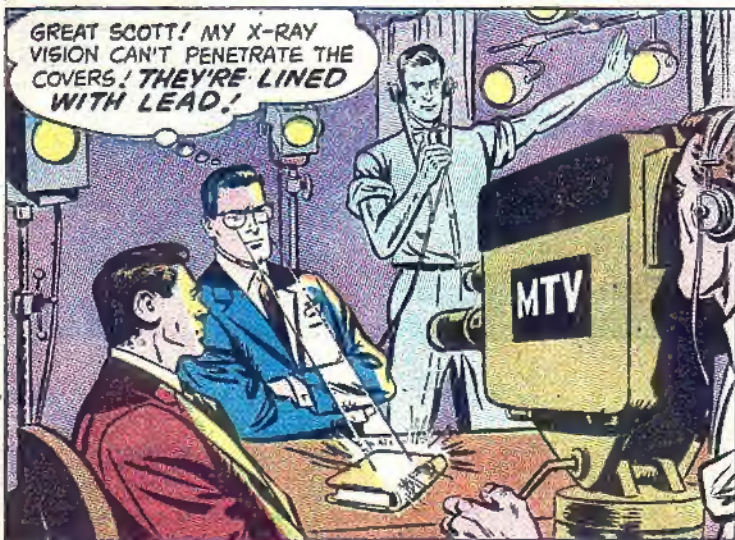
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, PERRY WHITE AND REPORTER LOIS LANE EAGERLY WATCH THE TV PROGRAM...

TONIGHT "**THE EYE OF METROPOLIS**" WILL FOCUS ON CLARK KENT, FAMED **REPORTER**...

JUST TO MAKE SURE NO QUESTION WILL ENDANGER MY **SUPERMAN IDENTITY**, I'LL CHECK HIS NOTEBOOK WITH MY X-RAY VISION...

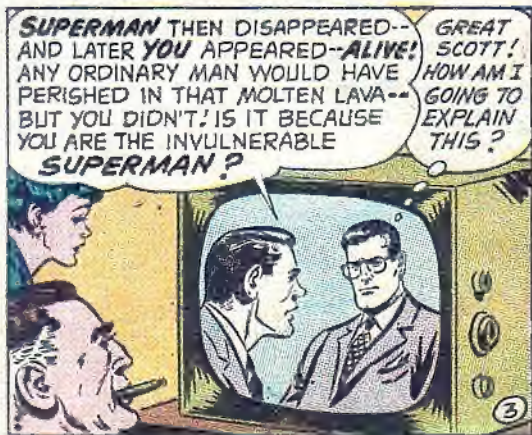
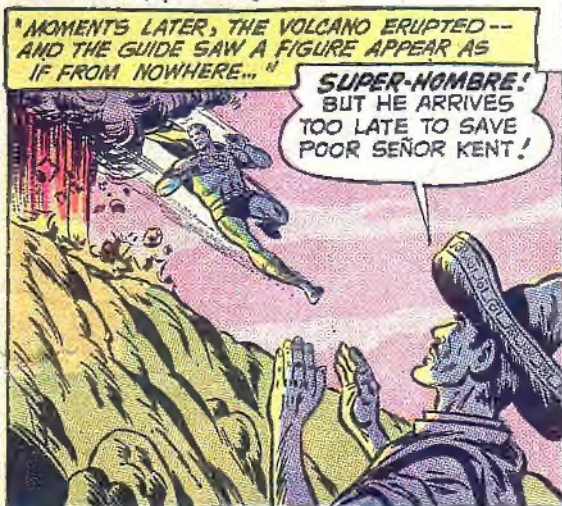


GREAT SCOTT! MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE THE COVERS! THEY'RE LINED WITH **LEAD!**



THAT MEANS HE LINED THE COVERS WITH LEAD AS A PRECAUTION-- BECAUSE HE SUSPECTS I'M **SUPERMAN** AND INTENDS TO ASK ME QUESTIONS THAT WILL EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY!



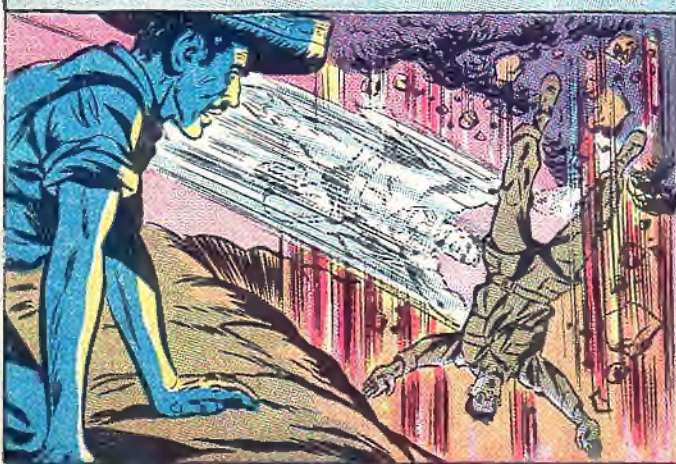


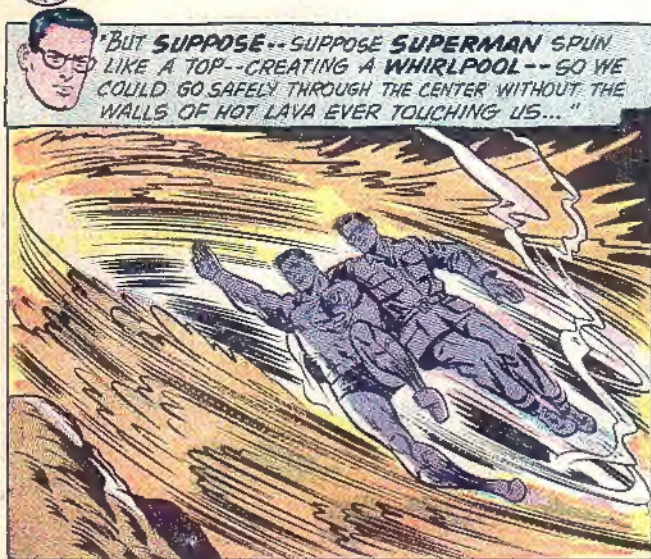


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"IF THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, THEN **SUPERMAN** MUST HAVE BEEN MOVING TOO FAST TO BE SEEN BY THE GUIDE..."

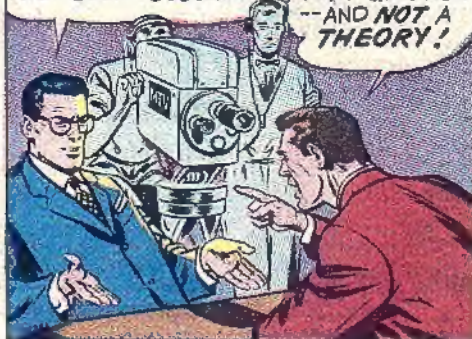




"BUT **SUPPOSE--** SUPPOSE **SUPERMAN** SPUN LIKE A TOP--CREATING A **WHIRLPOOL--** SO WE COULD GO SAFELY THROUGH THE CENTER WITHOUT THE WALLS OF HOT LAVA EVER TOUCHING US..."

"...THEN **SUPERMAN** **COULD** HAVE BORED UP BEYOND THE VOLCANO-- DROPPED ME OFF--AND THEN RACED BACK TO CORK THE VOLCANO AS THE GUIDE DESCRIBED--

YES--I SUPPOSE IT **COULD** HAVE HAPPENED THAT WAY-- BUT I'LL WANT A **POSITIVE** ANSWER TO MY NEXT QUESTION --AND **NOT A THEORY!**

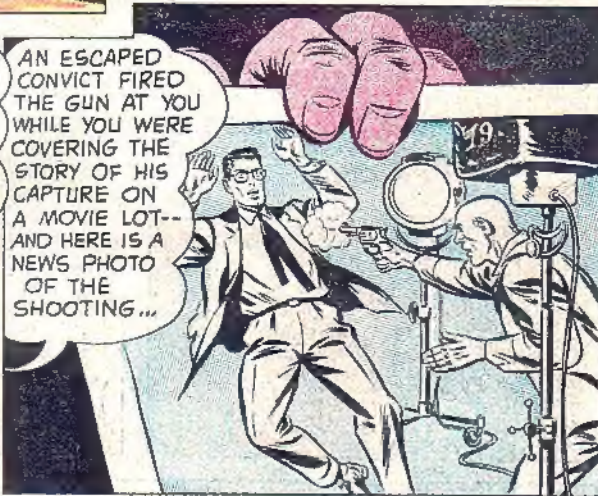
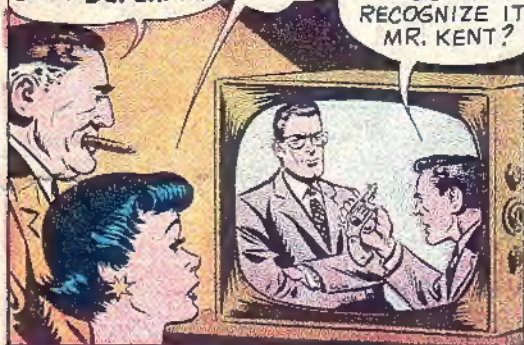


WELL, LOIS--IT LOOKS LIKE BOTH YOU AND BATES WERE WRONG ABOUT CLARK BEING **SUPERMAN!**

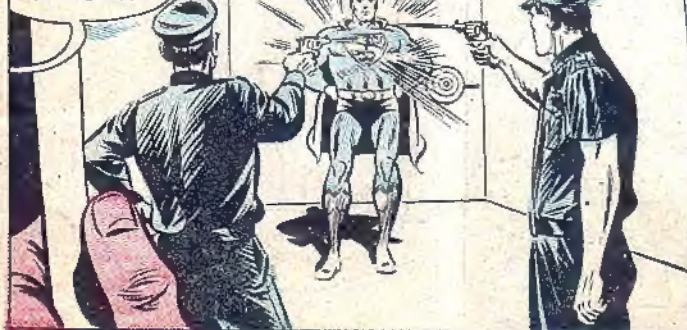
I'M STILL NOT CONVINCED--AND NEITHER IS BATES!

I BORROWED THIS GUN FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. KENT! DO YOU RECOGNIZE IT, MR. KENT?

AN ESCAPED CONVICT FIRED THE GUN AT YOU WHILE YOU WERE COVERING THE STORY OF HIS CAPTURE ON A MOVIE LOT--AND HERE IS A NEWS PHOTO OF THE SHOOTING...

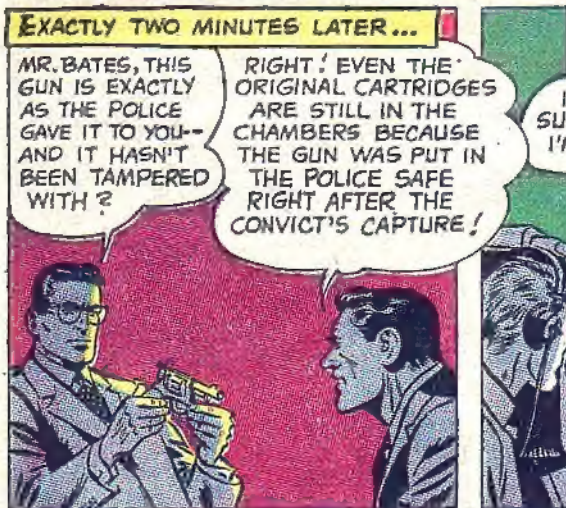
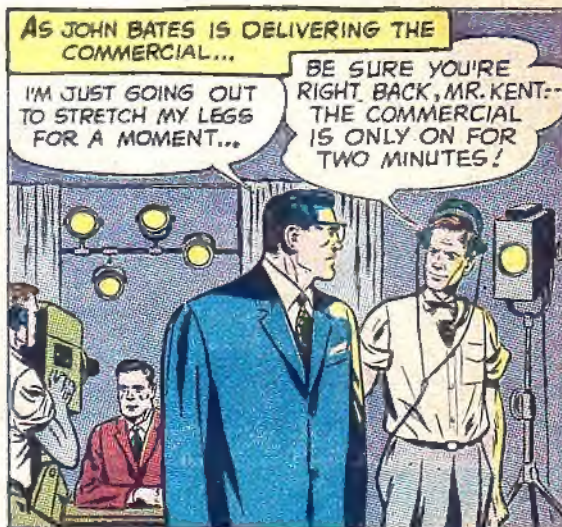
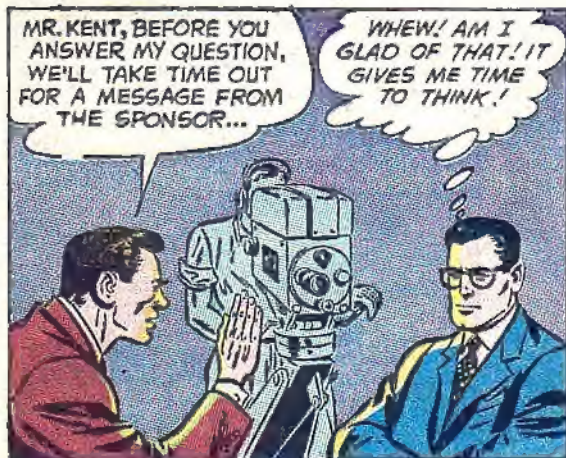


NOW COMPARE THAT WITH THIS PHOTO OF **SUPERMAN** DEMONSTRATING HIS INVULNERABILITY TO BULLETS AT A POLICE SHOOTING RANGE...



SINCE THAT CONVICT **COULDN'T** HAVE MISSED HITTING YOU--ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT BOTH YOU AND **SUPERMAN** ARE INVULNERABLE TO BULLETS--AND THAT THEREFORE **YOU** MUST BE **SUPERMAN?**





OF COURSE! THE CONVICT WAS CAPTURED ON A **MOVIE LOT** WITH A **STOLEN GUN**! YOU MUST HAVE REALIZED HE'D **STOLEN A PROP GUN**--OTHERWISE HE COULDN'T HAVE FIRED IT AT SUCH CLOSE RANGE WITHOUT WOUNDING YOU!

THAT'S WHAT I HOPED BATES WOULD THINK...

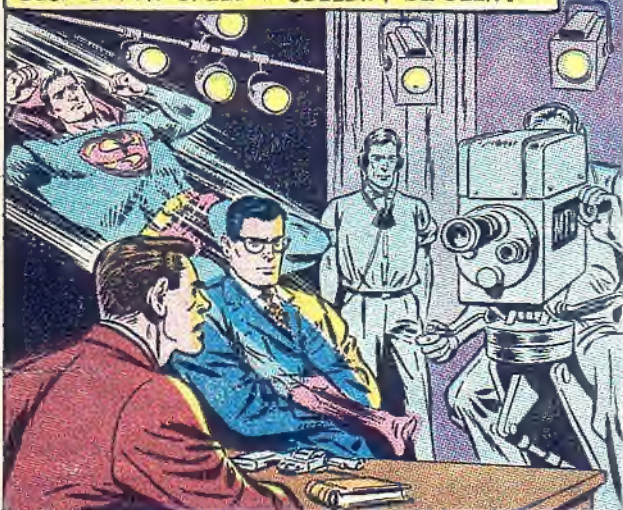


"WHAT BATES DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT, DURING HIS COMMERCIAL, I SPED TO THE TV STUDIO'S PROPERTY ROOM..."

BLANK CARTRIDGES! THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK!

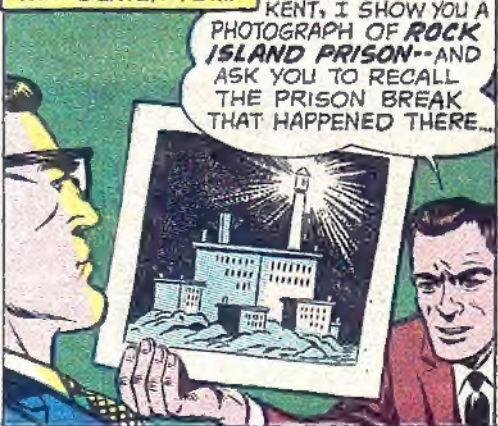


"THEN I RACED BACK, AND SUBSTITUTED BLANKS FOR THE REAL BULLETS IN THE GUN--DOING IT AT SUCH SUPER-SPEED I COULDN'T BE SEEN!"



THUS FAR, CLARK HAS OUTWITTED BATES EVERY TIME, BUT THE TV INTERVIEWER IS NOT BEATEN YET...

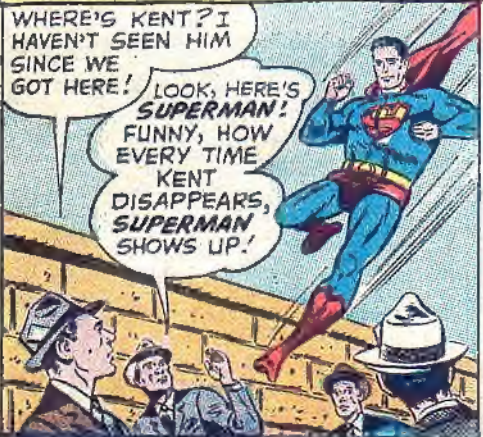
KENT, I SHOW YOU A PHOTOGRAPH OF **ROCK ISLAND PRISON**--AND ASK YOU TO RECALL THE PRISON BREAK THAT HAPPENED THERE...



"REPORTERS FROM **METROPOLIS** NEWSPAPERS WERE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE BREAK--INCLUDING YOU..."

WHERE'S KENT? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE WE GOT HERE!

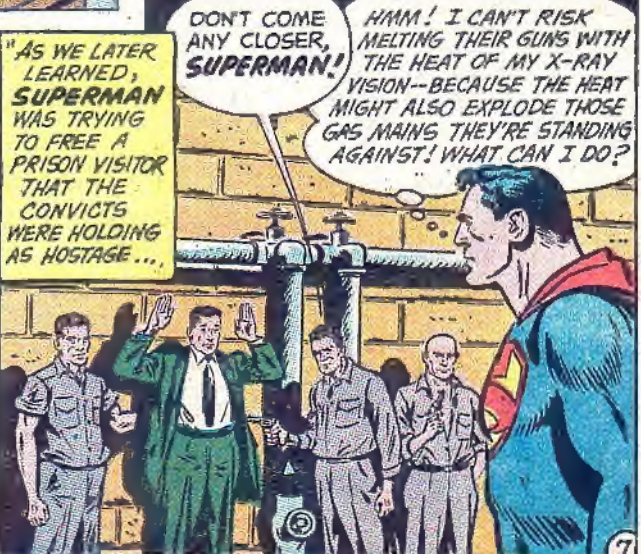
LOOK, HERE'S **SUPERMAN**! FUNNY, HOW EVERY TIME KENT DISAPPEARS, **SUPERMAN** SHOWS UP!



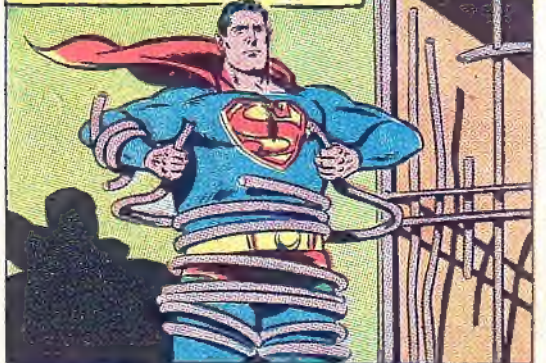
"AS WE LATER LEARNED, **SUPERMAN** WAS TRYING TO FREE A PRISON VISITOR THAT THE CONVICTS WERE HOLDING AS HOSTAGE..."

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER, **SUPERMAN!**

HMM! I CAN'T RISK MELTING THEIR GUNS WITH THE HEAT OF MY X-RAY VISION--BECAUSE THE HEAT MIGHT ALSO EXPLODE THOSE GAS MAINS THEY'RE STANDING AGAINST! WHAT CAN I DO?



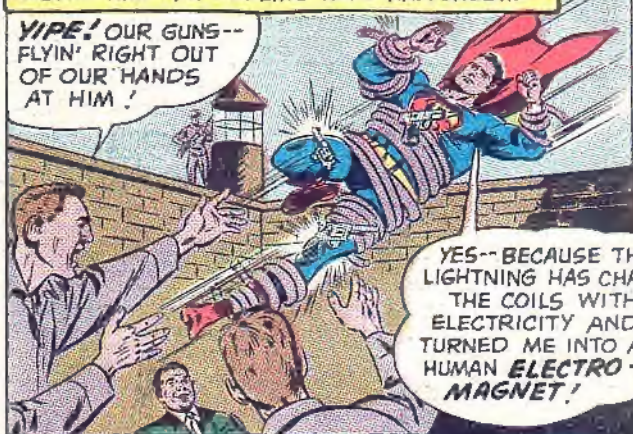
"SUPERMAN THEN RIPPED OUT SOME STEEL PRISON BARS--AND WOUND THEM IN COILS ABOUT HIS BODY..."



"THEN SUPERMAN FLEW UP HIGH INTO THE STORMY SKY, AND LET CRACKLING LIGHTNING BOLTS STRIKE AT HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN..."



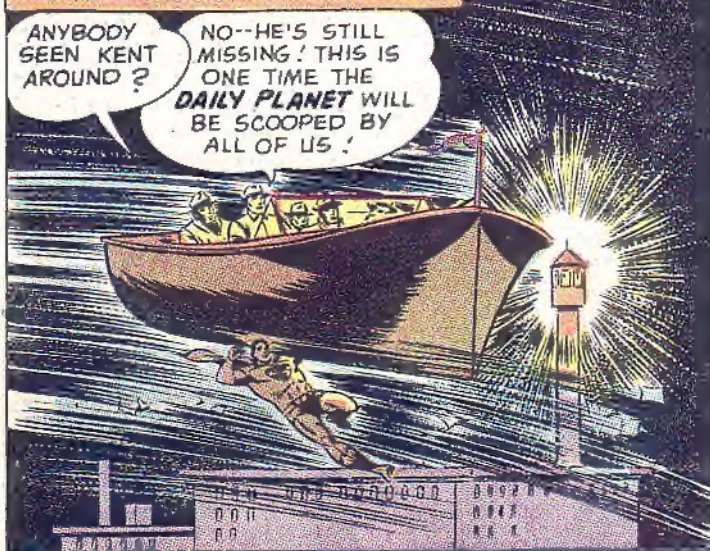
"WHEN SUPERMAN CHARGED THE CONVICTS THE SECOND TIME--AN AMAZING THING HAPPENED..."



"AFTER THE CONVICTS' CAPTURE, THE REPORTERS RUSHED TO THE PHONE, BUT THE PRISON WARDEN HAD NEWS FOR THEM..."



"BUT SUPERMAN CAME UP WITH THE SOLUTION, AND A FEW MINUTES LATER..."



"BUT WHEN THE REPORTERS REACHED THE MAINLAND..."





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MR. KENT, I THINK THAT AFTER CAPTURING THE CONVICTS, YOU **SECRETLY** FLEW TO YOUR OFFICE AT THE **PLANET**, TYPED YOUR STORY, AND THEN RETURNED TO THE STAND. THAT'S WHY CLARK KENT WASN'T SEEN - BECAUSE CLARK KENT WAS BEING **SUPERMAN!**

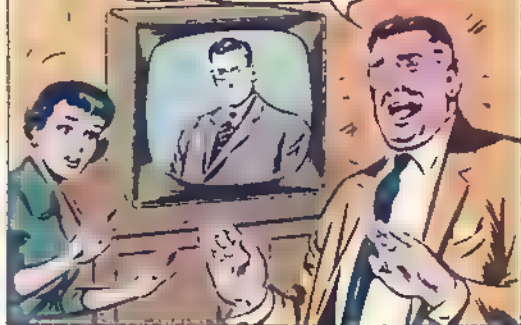
UH-OH!



WATCHING THE PROGRAM, PERRY WHITE SUDDENLY BREAKS OUT INTO WILD LAUGHTER.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

HA! HA! YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN CLARK ANSWERS BATES! YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE LET IN ON A LITTLE SECRET CLARK AND I HAVE KEPT FOR A LONG TIME! HA! HA! HA!



IF YOU CHECK WITH MY EDITOR, PERRY WHITE, YOU'LL LEARN THAT RIGHT AFTER THE JAILBREAK, WHITE WAS FIRST VISITED BY **SUPERMAN** WHO TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO STOP THE JAILBREAK



"SOON AFTER, MR WHITE CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE.."

CLARK, I'M GOING TO HAVE TWO NEWSPAPER HEADLINES READY TO ROLL: ONE WILL SAY - "**CONVICTS ESCAPE**"-- THE OTHER WILL SAY "**SUPERMAN STOPS JAILBREAK**"! UNDERSTAND?

SURE! THAT WAY WE'LL HAVE A JUMP ON OUR RIVAL PAPERS!

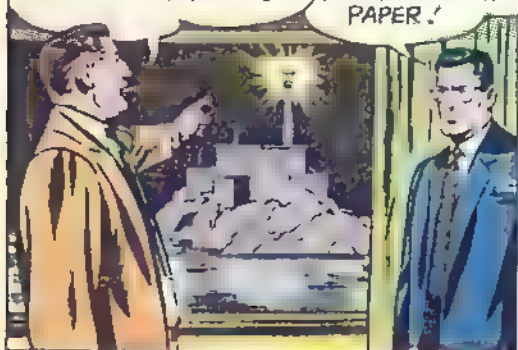


FROM MY WINDOW I CAN SEE THE PRISON BEACON! WHEN YOU GET THERE, DISAPPEAR AND WATCH FOR **SUPERMAN**-- AND THEN SIGNAL BY USING THE BEACON!

RIGHT! IF HE STOPS THE BREAK, I'LL BLOCK OUT THE LIGHT SOMEHOW-- AND THAT WILL BE YOUR SIGNAL TO PUT THE RIGHT HEADLINE ON THE PAPER!

SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS DONE! BUT ONLY THE WARDEN HAS THE KEY TO THE BEACON TOWER! HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GET UP THERE?

THAT'S A TRADE SECRET I CAN'T REVEAL! I MAY HAVE TO USE THAT LITTLE TRICK AGAIN FOR A FUTURE STORY!





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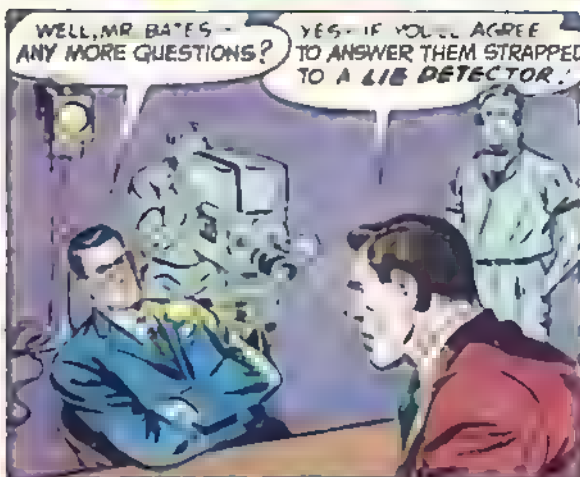
WELL, I DIDN'T LIE TO BATES! EVERYTHING HAPPENED EXACT AS I DESCRIBED EXCEPT FOR ONE SMALL DETAIL...



IT WAS A **SUPERMAN**, CARRYING THE REPORTERS IN THE LAUNCH, THAT I BLOCKED OUT THE BEACON LIGHT!

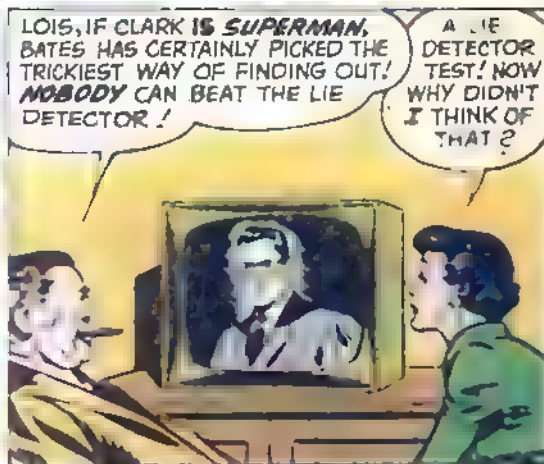


THAT'S THE SIGNAL PERRY IS WATCHING FOR!



WELL, MR. BATES - ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

YES - IF YOU'LL AGREE TO ANSWER THEM STRAPPED TO A LIE DETECTOR!



LOIS, IF CLARK IS **SUPERMAN**, BATES HAS CERTAINLY PICKED THE TRICKIEST WAY OF FINDING OUT! **NOBODY** CAN BEAT THE LIE DETECTOR!

A LIE DETECTOR TEST! NOW WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?



IF I REFUSE, PEOPLE WILL SUSPECT I'M **SUPERMAN**! IF I AGREE, I'LL RISK EXPOSING MY IDENTITY! BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO

GOOD!

I'LL TAKE THE TEST!

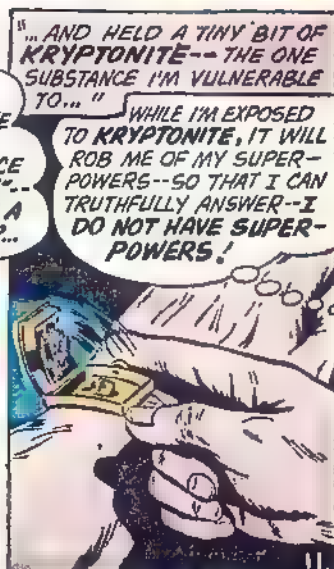
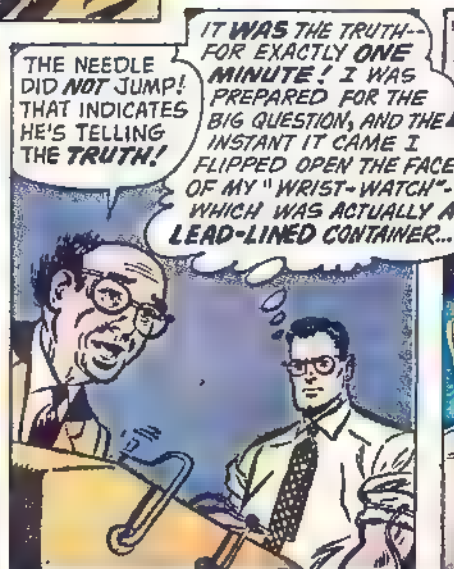
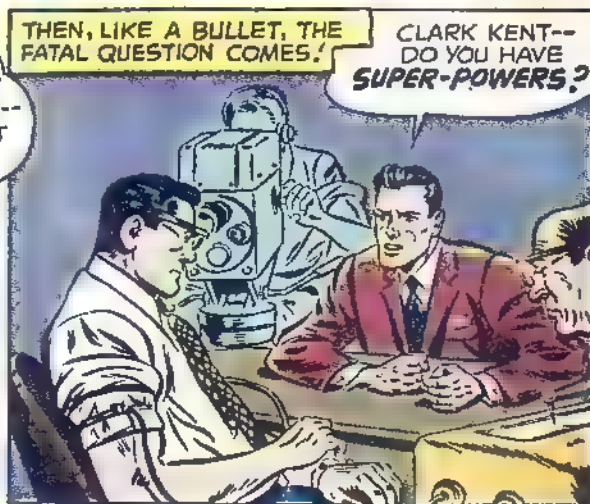
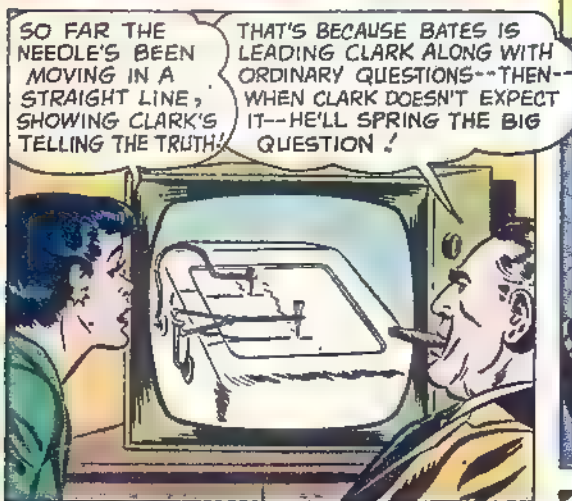
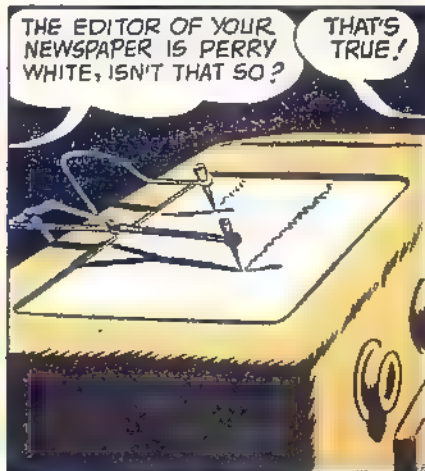
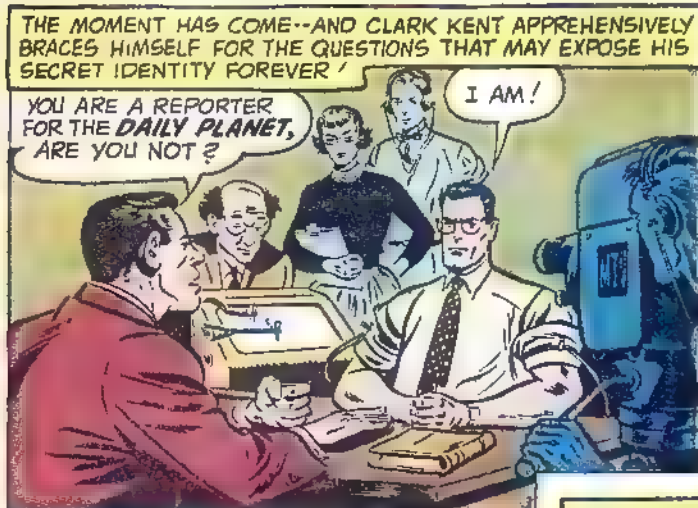


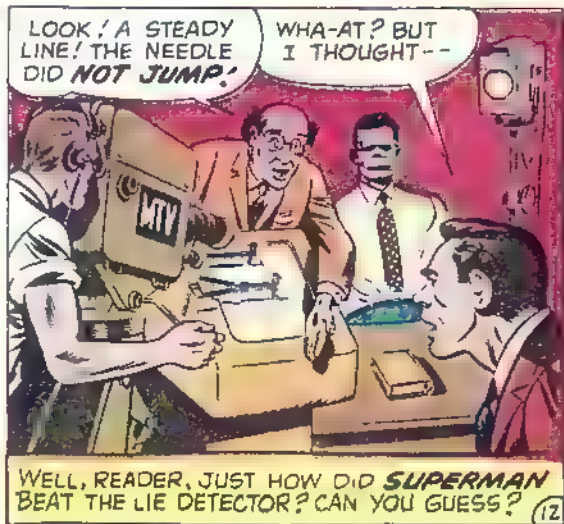
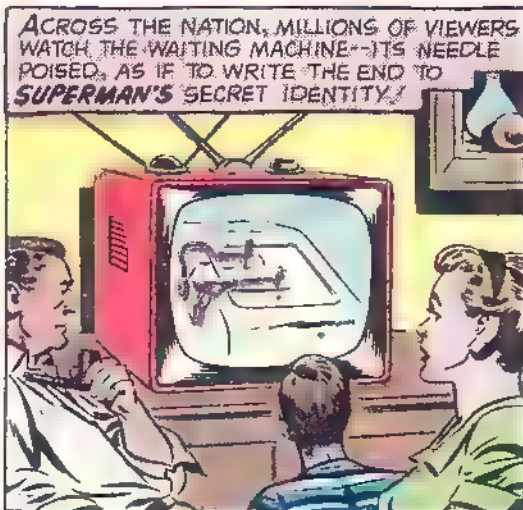
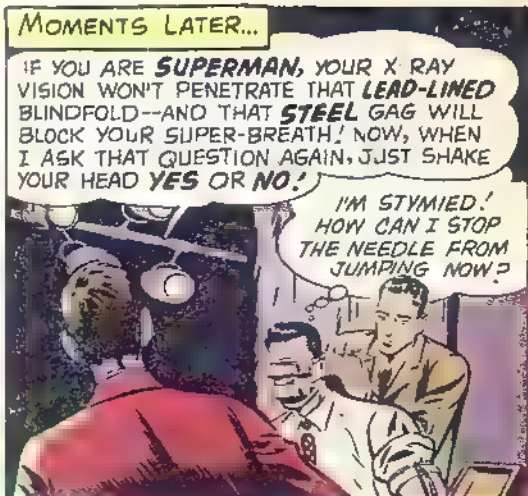
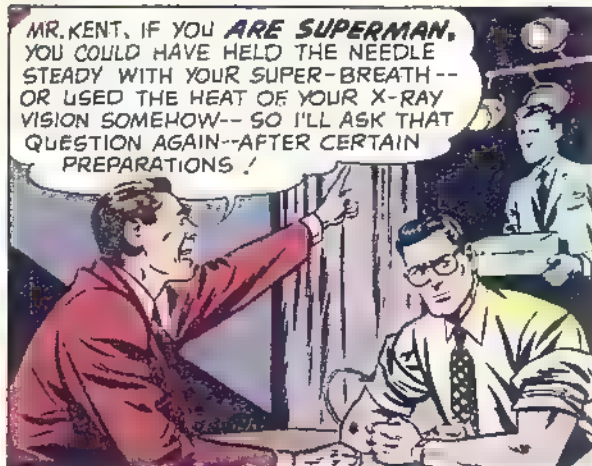
THIS IS PROFESSOR WOOD, AN EXPERT WITH THE LIE DETECTOR!

JUST AS THE SEISMOGRAPH RECORDS EARTH DISTURBANCES--THE LIE DETECTOR WILL RECORD THE REACTIONS OF YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND PERSPIRATION TO VITAL QUESTIONS...



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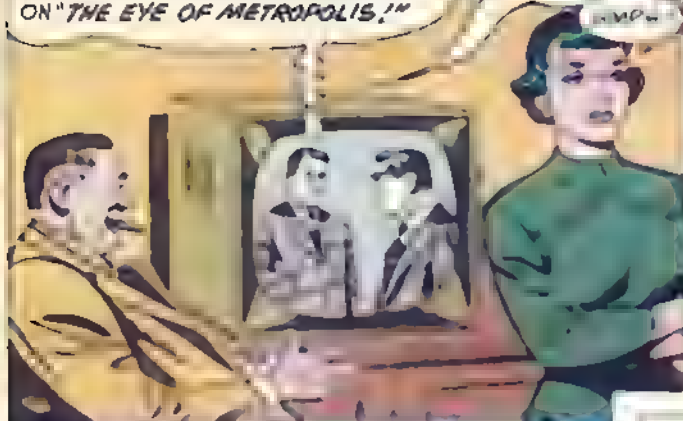


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MR. KENT, I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU BEING **SUPERMAN**-- BUT I WAS RIGHT IN THE FACT THAT YOU ARE A GOOD SPORT. THANK YOU FOR APPEARING ON "THE EYE OF METROPOLIS!"

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT LOIS? HA! HA!



LATER

BATES WILL NEVER KNOW MY HANDS WERE SHAKING, **NOT** BECAUSE I WAS NERVOUS...



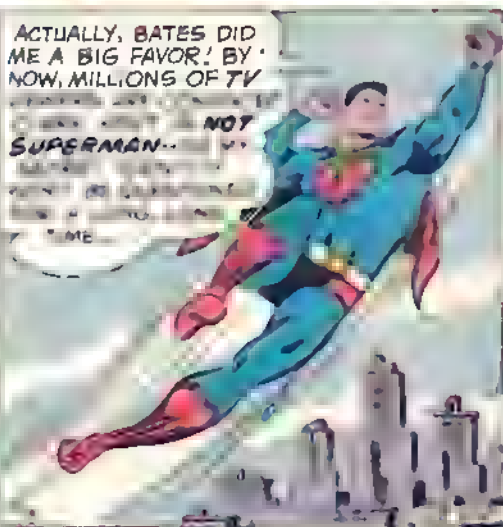
"I WAS SHAKING MY HANDS SO THAT I COULD WHIP A SUPER-COLD BAYONET KNIFE AT THE LEADER!"

THE INTENSE COLD WILL **FREEZE** THE MACHINE'S OILED PARTS **MOMENTARILY**-- SO THAT THIS NEEDLE CAN'T MOVE VERY MUCH!



ACTUALLY, BATES DID ME A BIG FAVOR! BY NOW, MILLIONS OF TV

NOT SUPERMAN--



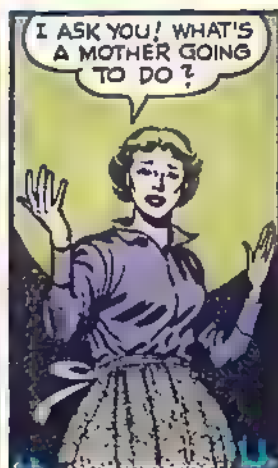
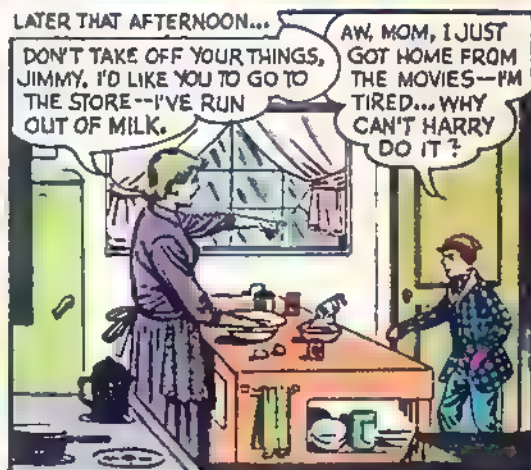
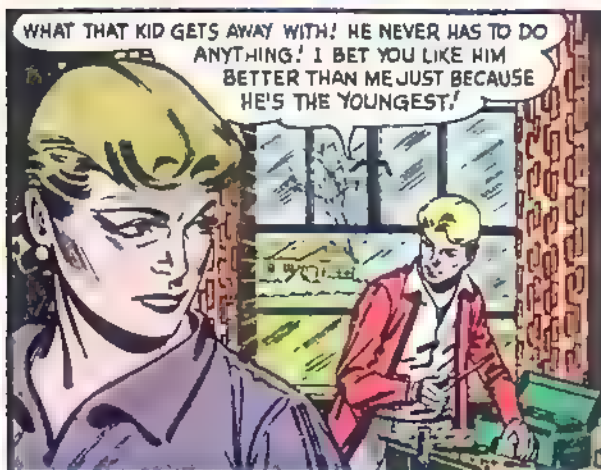
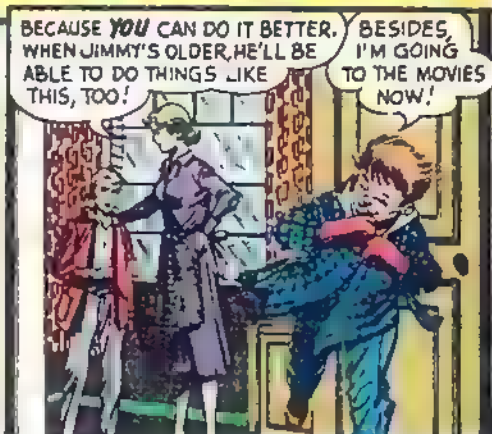
A brave mountain climber named Will,
Said "Climbing is always a thrill
On the way to my goal
I eat **Tootsie Rolls**
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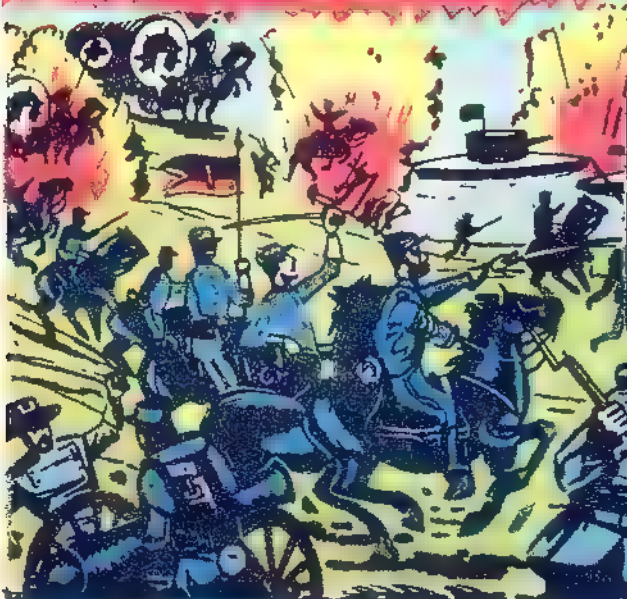
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ACTION COMICS



Tommy TOMORROW

SEE, COLONEL TOMORROW?
I TOLD YOU CROOKS
WOULD STRIKE HERE
AT NOON!

SPACE
BANK
VAULT

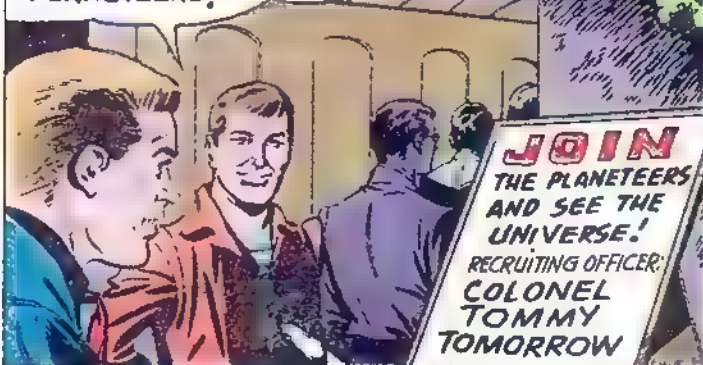
HOW COULD THIS BOY
ROOKIE KNOW THAT IN
ADVANCE? DOES HE HAVE
AN UNCANNY SIXTH SENSE?

ONE DAY IN THE
YEAR 2059, A NEW
RECRUIT OF THE
PLANETEERS PASSES ALL
TESTS WITH FLYING COLORS! IN
SPACE, THIS ROOKIE PERFORMS
WITH THE SKILL OF A VETERAN AND
SEEMS DESTINED TO BE AN ACE
PLANETEER AS GOOD AS **COLONEL
TOMMY TOMORROW**! YET THIS NEW
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SIZE AND ONE-FOURTH HIS AGE!
IF THIS SEEMS INCREDIBLE, THERE
IS AN EVEN GREATER MYSTERY
THAT SURROUNDS...

The Boy PLANETEER!

IN THE YEAR 2059, AT THE **PLANETEER** RECRUITING STATION ON EARTH, A GLAMOROUS NAME HELPS TO ATTRACT NEW ENLISTMENTS...

HOT ROCKETS! WHAT A PRIVILEGE
TO BE SIGNED UP BY **TOMMY
TOMORROW, THE ACE OF
PLANETEERS!**



LATER, TOMMY LOOKS UP STARTLED AS HE HEARS A PIPING VOICE AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS...

NAME, DIKKY
HALE; WEIGHT
48 POUNDS!
AGE, 5½ YEARS!

ER... YOU'VE MADE
A MISTAKE, SONNY!
THIS IS THE
PLANETEERS, NOT
THE **INTERPLANETARY
CUB SCOUTS**! SORRY,
BUT WE CAN'T TAKE
YOUNGSTERS FROM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL!





ACTION COMICS



WAIT, SIR! JUST WHERE DOES IT STATE THAT A BOY LIKE ME **CAN'T** JOIN, JUST BECAUSE HE'S YOUNG?

HMM... HE'S RIGHT! NO AGE LIMIT WAS EVER SPECIFIED! THEY FIGURED THE STIFF MENTAL TESTS WOULD ELIMINATE ALL YOUNGSTERS! ...WELL, NOTHING TO DO BUT GIVE HIM THE TESTS AND HAVE HIM FAIL THEM!

NOW... YOU'RE IN SPACE WITH A GIANT COMET COMING STRAIGHT AT YOU! WHAT DO YOU DO?

THE KID WILL MAKE THE MISTAKE OF **TURNING** AND FLUNK OUT!

SO PARENTS... **TOMMY TOMORROW** PUTS THE ASSISTANT AD... HIS FIRST TEST... ALL BEING NAMED QUICKLY, SINCE HE COULD HARDLY BE OUT OF KINDERGARTEN! IT TAKES A COLLEGE MAN TO PASS OUR INTELLIGENCE TESTS!

STEP IN THERE, SONNY! THOSE ARE THE DUMMY CONTROLS OF A SPACESHIP!

BUT AMAZINGLY... I'D GO RIGHT **THROUGH**, SIR, WITHOUT TURNING! A COMET'S HEAD IS NOT SOLID BUT MERELY A BALL OF FLAME AND COSMIC DUST HARMLESS TO A SPACESHIP!

GREAT MOONS! IS THIS FUGITIVE FROM A NURSERY A BOY GENIUS?

THE OTHER TESTS FAIL TO STUMP THE 'QUIZ KID'!

IF I WEIGHED WHAT THIS SCALE SHOWS, I WOULD BE ON THIS PLANET!

HE KNOWS HIS WEIGHT ON ALL THE PLANETS!

AND WHEN THE ELECTRONIC COMPUTER TOTALS UP DIKKY'S FINAL SCORE... YOU DID BETTER THAN MANY COLLEGE MEN COULD, DIKKY! YOU'RE THE YOUNGEST ROOKIE WHO EVER PASSED! OUR TAILOR WILL HAVE TO...ER... MAKE A SPECIAL UNIFORM YOUR SIZE! REPORT FOR DUTY TOMORROW!

YES, SIR! I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR MY FIRST SPACE CRUISE!

TOMMY HIMSELF IS PERSONALLY ASSIGNED LATER TO TRAIN THE BOY ROOKIE...

I'LL SHOW YOU THE ROPES WHEN SPACE DISTRESS CALLS COME UP, CADET DIKKY! NOTHING MUCH DOING RIGHT NOW... WE CAN TUNE IN NEWS ON THE SPACE TV!

DELIGATES ARE ARRIVING AT THE UW FOR A GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF ITS 88 MEMBER WORLDS!

SUDDENLY, AS A SPACE CALL IS PICKED UP...

S.O.S. S.O.S. THE ARK OF SPACE, OF OUR TRAVELING INTERPLANETARY CIRCUS, RAN OUT OF FUEL! WE LANDED ON AN UNKNOWN ASTEROID!

THEIR RADIO-WAVES ARE BOUNCING FROM SEVERAL WORLDS, SO I CAN'T PIN-POINT WHERE THE MESSAGE CAME FROM! AND HOW CAN WE FIND THE RIGHT ASTEROID OUT OF 59,000?

I KNOW A WAY, SIR! I'LL JAB A PIN AT THE ASTEROID MAP! WE'LL FIND THE **ARK OF SPACE... THERE!** IT'S AT ASTEROID X-335!

JUST LIKE A KID PLAYING GAMES! DOES HE THINK HE CAN LOCATE IT BY SHEER LUCK! STILL, ONE PLACE IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER TO START, SO WE'LL GO TO X-335!

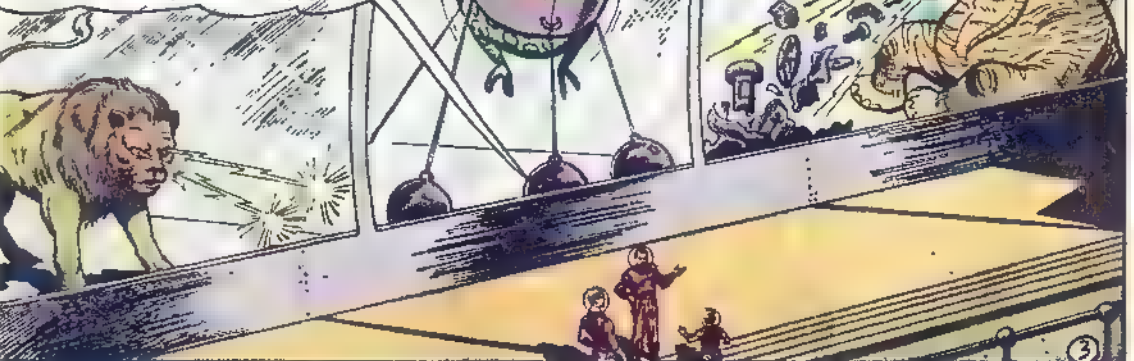
REACHING THE ASTEROID CHOSEN BY THE BOY **PLANETEER**, TOMMY MEETS AN INCREDIBLE SURPRISE!

GREAT COMETS! HOW DID YOU KNOW THE STRANDED CIRCUS SHIP WOULD BE HERE, DIKKY? IT... IT'S UNCANNY!

OH, CALL IT... UH... MY "SIXTH SENSE!"

BEFORE THE ARK IS TOWED AWAY, THE CIRCUS MANAGER REWARDS DIKKY WITH A TOUR AMONG THE STRANGE INTERPLANETARY ANIMALS ABOARD!

ONLY A **GLASS CAGE** CAN KEEP THE **LIGHTNING LION** FROM SHOOTING OUT THOSE ELECTRIC BOLTS FROM ITS EYES! HEAVY WEIGHTS KEEP THAT **ANTI-GRAVITY ANIMAL** FROM FLOATING AWAY! AND THE **IRON-EATER** HAS A MAGNETIZED TRUNK WITH WHICH TO PICK UP ITS FOOD... WHICH IS **JUNK!**



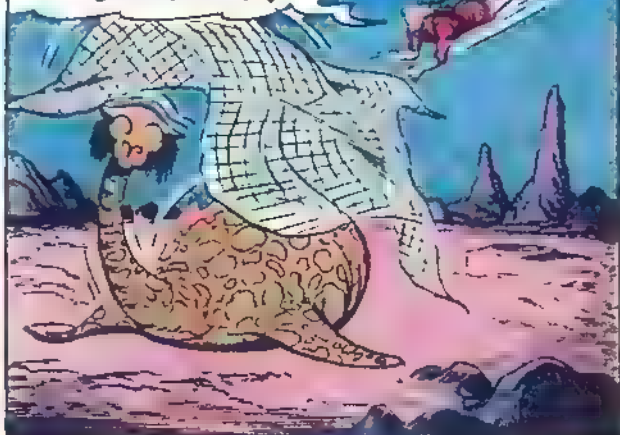
BUT ONE OF OUR BEASTS
ESCAPED ON THIS ASTEROID
BEFORE! WAIT, COLONEL...
DON'T TRY TO CAPTURE IT...
IT'S TOO DIFFICULT!

JUST BECAUSE
OF ITS HUGE
SIZE? I'LL TRY,
ANYWAY!



AFTER PROCURING HIS FLYING-JETS FROM HIS SHIP,
TOMMY CHASES DOWN THE GIANT BEAST, BUT...

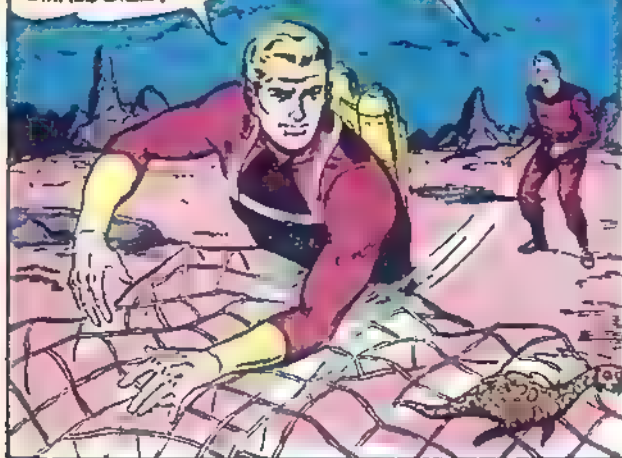
GOT HIM...WAIT! IS HE...
ER... **SHRINKING**?



IN BRIEF MOMENTS...

NOW I SEE WHY IT'S CALLED
THE CHANGER! IT
SHRANK DOWN TO
SMALL SIZE!

IT CAN ESCAPE
ANY NET THAT
WAY!



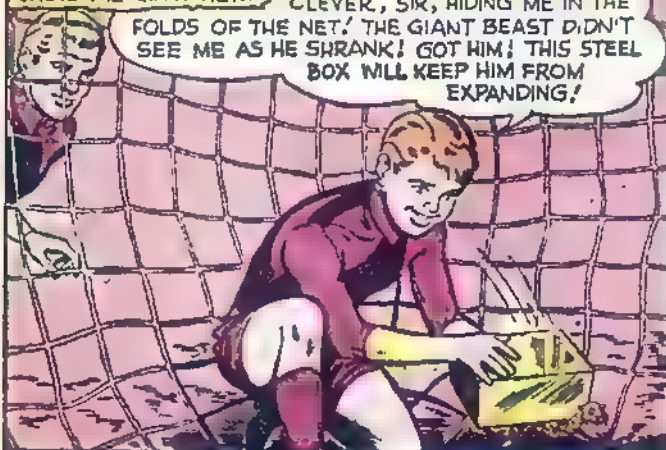
WHEN TOMMY TRIES A SMALL NET...

NOW IT JUST **ENLARGED** ITSELF AND BROKE
THE NET! Hmm... I'LL TRY ONCE MORE WHEN
IT REACHES GIANT SIZE, USING DIKKY'S AID!



THIS TIME, WHEN **THE CHANGER** SHRINKS AFTER TOMMY
CASTS THE GIANT NET...

CLEVER, SIR, HIDING ME IN THE
FOLDS OF THE NET! THE GIANT BEAST DIDN'T
SEE ME AS HE SHRANK! GOT HIM! THIS STEEL
BOX WILL KEEP HIM FROM
EXPANDING!



AFTER TOWING THE **ARK** TO EARTH, TOMMY
AND DIKKY RESUME THEIR SPACE PATROL,
WHEN STRANGELY...

SOMEONE ELSE WILL
SOON MEET DANGER,
SIR! I'LL TURN AROUND
AND HEAD FOR THE
WATER WORLD!

BUT, DIKKY...
THERE'S NO **S.O.S.**
FROM THERE!
EVEN YOUR
"5 XTH SENSE"
COULDN'T PREDICT
TROUBLE IN
ADVANCE!



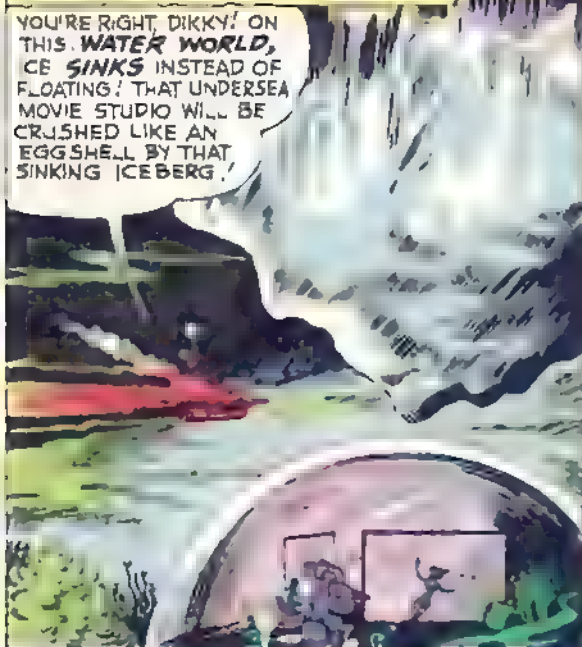


ACTION COMICS



YET AT THE **WATER WORLD**, WHERE THE **GALACTIC MOVIE COMPANY** IS ON LOCATION...

YOU'RE RIGHT, DIKKY! ON THIS **WATER WORLD**, ICE **SINKS** INSTEAD OF FLOATING! THAT UNDERSEA MOVIE STUDIO WILL BE CRUSHED LIKE AN EGGSHELL BY THAT SINKING ICEBERG!



SWIFTLY, TOMMY DRILLS THE SHIP INSIDE THE GIANT ICEBERG AND...

MY HEAT-RAY GUN CAN'T MELT IT ALL... BUT IF I MELT OUT A BIG **HOLLOW** SPACE IN THE MIDDLE...



...THAT WILL MAKE IT BUOYANT ENOUGH TO FLOAT UPWARD! THAT SAVES THE SUNKEN MOVIE STUDIO... THANKS TO YOUR **ADVANCE** WARNING, DIKKY!



LATER, WHEN THE BOY ROOMIE AGAIN USES HIS UNCANNY POWERS...

WE MUST WARN ALL SHIPS AWAY FROM THE **BLUE PLANET**! DISASTER WILL STRIKE THERE IN ONE HOUR! I...ER... CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW I KNOW, SIR...

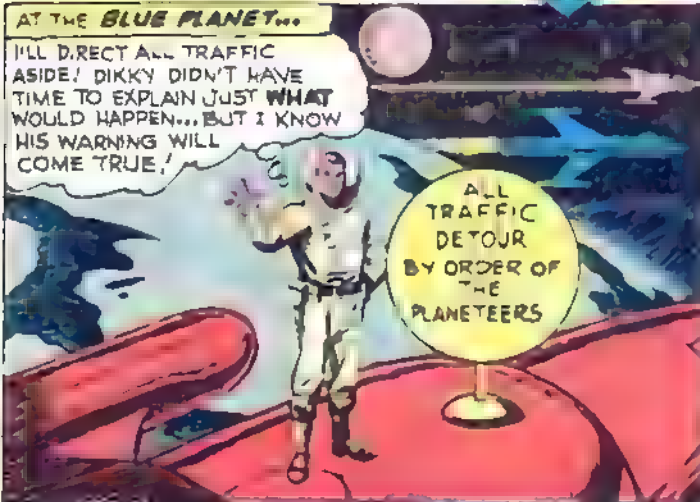
NEVER MIND, DIKKY! I KNOW YOUR SECRET NOW!



AT THE **BLUE PLANET**...

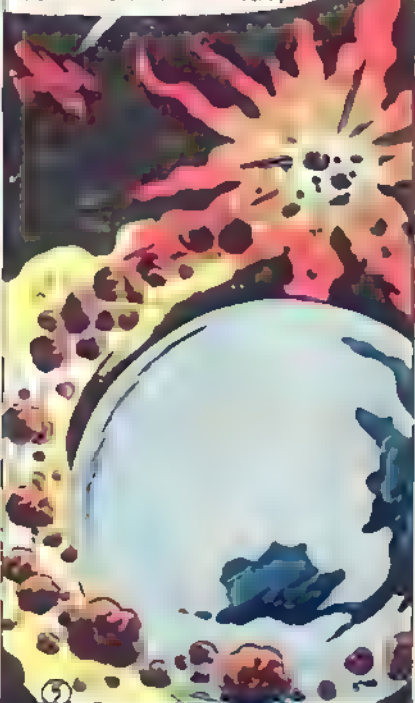
I'LL DIRECT ALL TRAFFIC ASIDE! DIKKY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN JUST WHAT WOULD HAPPEN... BUT I KNOW HIS WARNING WILL COME TRUE!

ALL TRAFFIC DETOUR BY ORDER OF THE PLANETEERS



AN HOUR LATER...

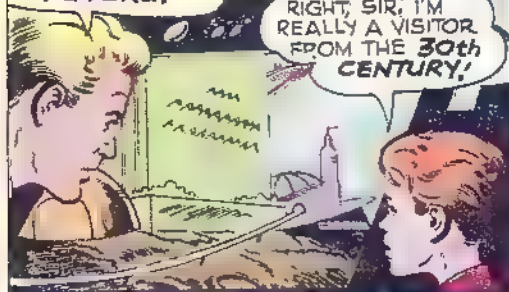
SO THAT'S IT! ITS MOON SUDDENLY EXPLODED AND THE DEBRIS IS FORMING RINGS AROUND THE **BLUE PLANET** LIKE THOSE OF SATURN!



SUDDENLY, A CLUE CLICKS IN TOMMY'S MIND, AND HE GUESSES THE BOY PLANETEERS' AMAZING SECRET!

THERE ARE FLAGS FOR 24 WORLDS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE UW, IN THE YEAR 2039! BUT WHEN WE DISCUSSED THEM BEFORE, I RECALL NOW THAT YOU MADE A SLIP OF THE TONGUE AND SAID 88 WORLDS! THAT MANY MORE COULD ONLY JOIN UP IN THE FUTURE!

RIGHT, SIR! I'M REALLY A VISITOR FROM THE 30TH CENTURY!



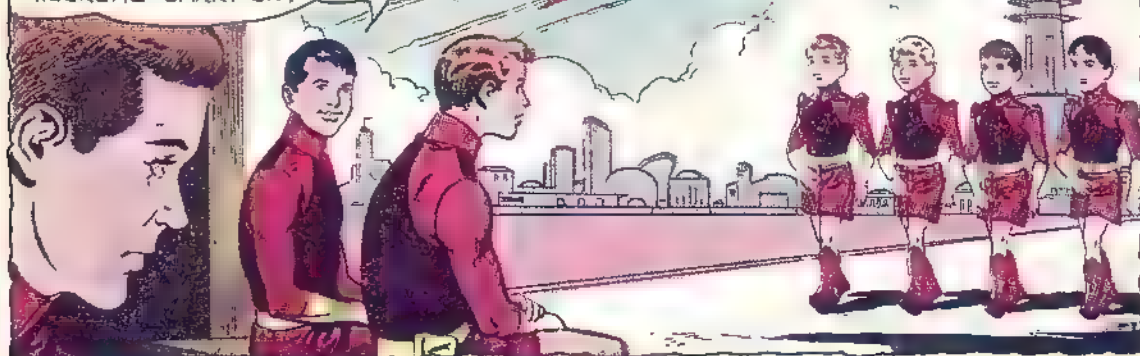
THAT'S WHY IT WAS EASY FOR ME TO PASS YOUR INTELLIGENCE TESTS FOR IN THE FUTURE, EVOLUTION IS SO SPEEDED UP THAT ALL HUMANS MATURE AT AN EARLY AGE...

WE SURE GOT AN OLD TEACHER THIS YEAR... SHE'S TWELVE!



"WE GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AT THE AGE OF SIX, AND RECRUITS FOR THE FUTURE PLANETEERS ARE ALL YOUNG BOYS!"

IT'S NICE TO BE RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE AND PENSIONED OFF AT THE AGE OF 18! LET THOSE 6-YEAR OLD RECRUITS CARRY ON!



"OUR LIFE-SPAN HAS BEEN GREATLY EXTENDED IN THE 30TH CENTURY..."

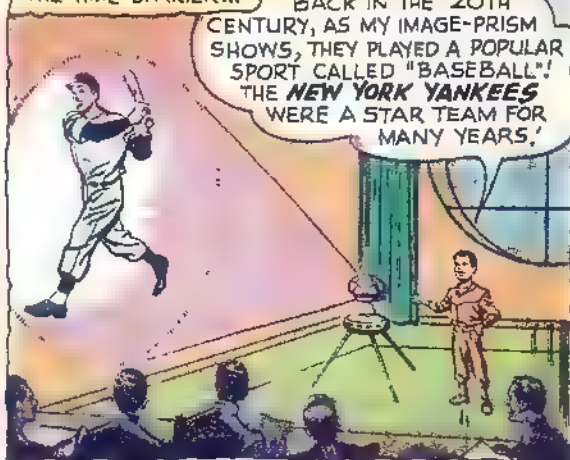
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

I'LL NEVER BLOW OUT THOSE 277 CANDLES!



"FOR THEIR COLLEGE THESIS, EVERY GRADUATE MUST WRITE UP SOME PAST AGE AFTER VISITING IT THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER..."

BACK IN THE 20TH CENTURY, AS MY IMAGE-PRISM SHOWS, THEY PLAYED A POPULAR SPORT CALLED "BASEBALL"! THE NEW YORK YANKEES WERE A STAR TEAM FOR MANY YEARS!





AS THE FUTURE BOY'S AMAZING TALE ENDS...

FOR MY GRADUATION THESIS I CHOSE THE **HISTORY OF THE EARLY PLANETEERS!** I KEPT MY ORIGIN SECRET SO I COULD JOIN THE **PLANETEERS** AND GET A FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT!

AND YOU HAD NO UNCANNY "SIXTH SENSE" JUST THIS PRINTED LIST OF...

...HISTORICAL RECORDS! NO WONDER YOU KNEW WHERE AND WHEN ALL THESE EVENTS WOULD HAPPEN!

2059...
 APRIL 8 --ARK OF SPACE LOST ON ASTEROID X-335
 APRIL 10 --SINKING ICE-BERS THREATENED UNDERSEA MOVIE STUDIO
 APRIL 11--EXPLODING MOON FORMED NEW RINGED PLANET!

WELL, BACK ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER I GO, VIA MY **ZETA RAY!** YOU'LL BE THE HERO OF MY THESIS, **TOMMY TOMORROW!** AND WATCHING YOU PERFORM HAS MADE UP MY MIND WHAT CAREER TO CHOOSE AFTER GRADUATION...

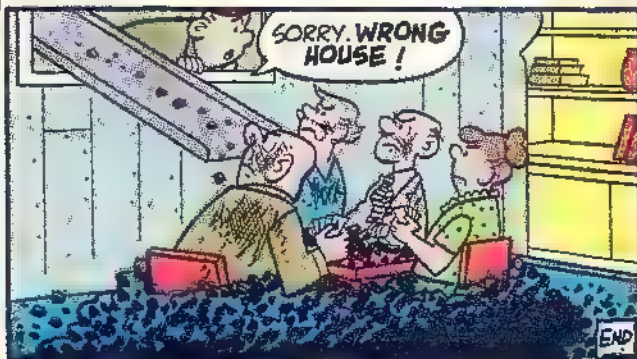
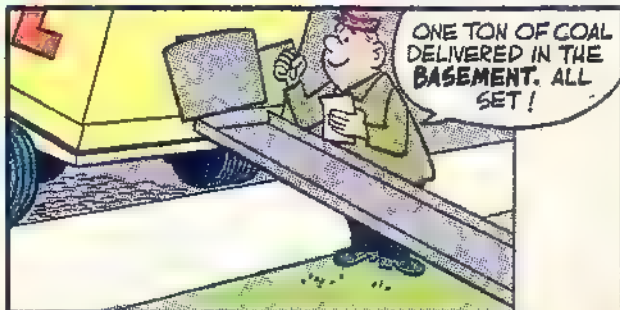
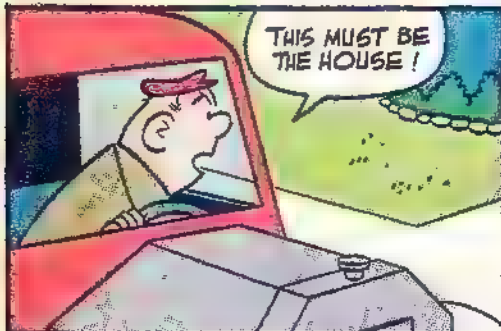
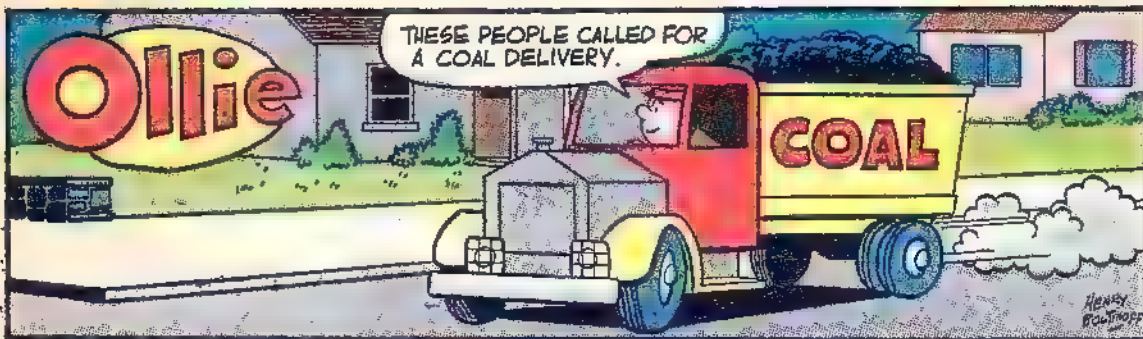
...I'M **REALLY** GOING TO JOIN THE **PLANETEERS** IN THE 30TH CENTURY!

HMM...I SUPPOSE HIS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WILL BE THE RIPE OLD AGE OF... **SIXTEEN!**

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Dear Editor:

I like to read about Lois Lane. I read, in one story, where Lois wanted to marry SUPERMAN. But SUPERMAN would not, for if he did, criminals might take his wife as a hostage. In this way, the Man of Steel would be at their mercy every moment. Why doesn't SUPERMAN marry Lois in his secret identity of Clark Kent?

—Stephen Duffy, Hollis, N. Y.

(Lois won't marry Clark, because she is not in love with him. And if he told her he was really SUPERMAN, our impulsive, careless, emotional Lois might unwittingly reveal the secret to outsiders.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

As we know, Batman wears a mask to keep his other identity of Bruce Wayne secret. Wouldn't SUPERMAN be recognized as Clark Kent because he doesn't wear a mask? It would be like seeing Batman without a mask. People would recognize him.

—Jerry Romanow, Lynn, Mass.

(People in Metropolis attribute the fact that Clark and SUPERMAN resemble each other to coincidence. The world is full of "look-alikes". Actor Ralph Bellamy looks like Franklin D. Roosevelt; Steve Allen looks like Benny Goodman—and both of these two look like Clark Kent!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Why don't you publish a story wherein SUPERMAN meets Lana Lang as an adult?

—George F. Barbour, Fairlawn, N. J.

(See the June issue of LOIS LANE Comics, which features a story wherein Lois becomes a baby, and Lana becomes her baby-sitter!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

When SUPERMAN is confronted with Kryptonite, why doesn't he blow it away?

—Joel Spencer, N. Y.

(He could, if the chunk isn't too large in size. But the stuff rapidly weakens all his powers, except X-ray vision and invulnerability, so that it would be difficult for him to propel solid objects with his breath.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Will you ever publish a story which shows what SUPERMAN will look like when he becomes an old man, say around seventy years?

—John Greenan, Toronto, Ontario.

(See the next issue of ACTION COMICS, which features a story wherein the Man of Steel becomes "The Oldest Man in Metropolis"—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

If SUPERMAN can't see through lead with his X-ray vision, how come he doesn't melt it with the heat of his X-ray vision?

—Michael Rizzo, N. Y.

(Lead is the only substance which is a "non-conductor" for SUPERMAN's X-ray eyes. There are numerous scientific analogies. Electricity won't go through rubber; a magnet can't pick up wood, etc.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

When the great SUPERMAN is exposed to Kryptonite, why doesn't he melt it with his X-ray vision?

—John Tentindo, Chelsea, Mass.

(Our authors inform us that the Man of Steel performs this very feat in the May issue of ACTION COMICS. Watch for it!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

May I add my voice to the thousands of other fans who would like to see you publish a regular feature entitled "SUPERGIRL"? I'm certain that such a character would gain the support of all our readers.

—Kenneth W. Paul, East Rochester, N. Y.

(We plan to present SUPERGIRL in a very early issue. Watch this department for a definite announcement next month.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Does Lois Lane have any family? Or is she an orphan, too, like Clark Kent.

—Muriel Biggers, Rome, N. Y.

(Lois has a younger sister, a gorgeous blonde whom Jimmy Olsen becomes smitten with at first sight. See the story, "Lois Lane's Sister", in the April issue of JIMMY OLSEN Comics.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I like the new series, "Untold Tales of SUPERMAN". Why don't you do the same thing in SUPERBOY COMICS?

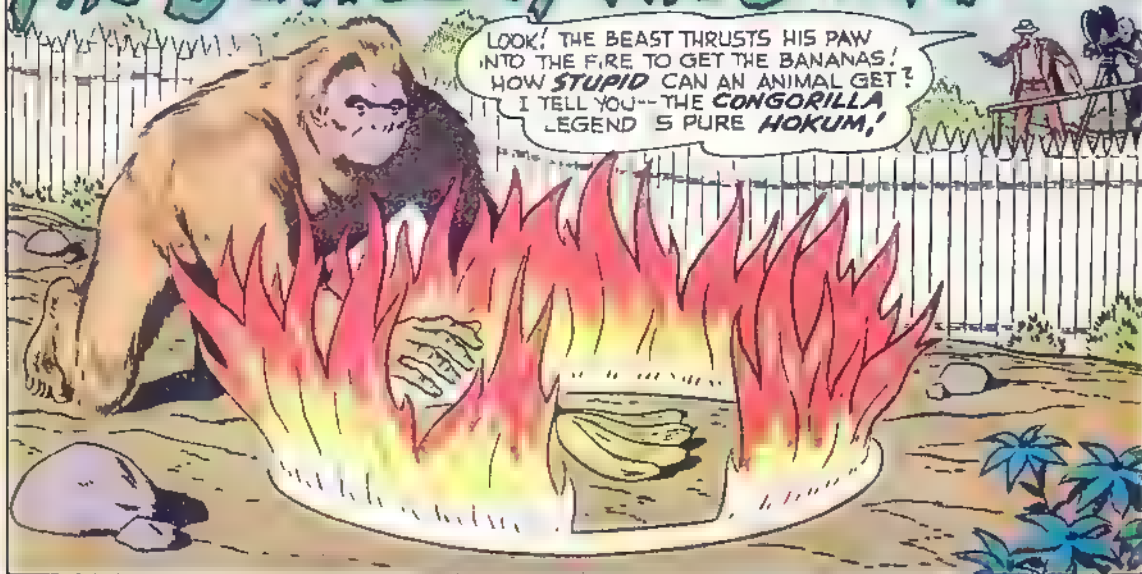
—Richard Gross, Hicksville, N. Y.

(The April issue of SUPERBOY COMICS features a SUPERBOY "untold tale", titled "The Day SUPERBOY Was a Coward"—Ed.)

CONGORILLA

LEGEND HAD IT THAT **CONGORILLA** COULD THINK LIKE A MAN! BUT NO ONE KNEW THAT CONGO BILL'S MIND MAGICALLY INHABITED **CONGORILLA'S** BODY WHEN THE GOLDEN APE PERFORMED HIS AMAZING FEATS! YET ONE AFTERNOON, EVERYTHING GOES WRONG! **CONGORILLA** LOSES ALL REASON IN A SERIES OF STARTLING MENTAL BLUNDERS! WHAT CAUSES THIS MYSTERIOUS DECLINE IN BRAIN-POWER? AND WHY DOES THE AMAZING APE-MAN SUDDENLY BECOME...

The DUNCE of the JUNGLE!



IN DEEPEST AFRICA, AS A PECULIAR, MAZE-LIKE STRUCTURE NEARS COMPLETION...

OUR TESTING GROUNDS WILL BE READY IN A FEW DAYS, DR. PAXTON! BUT OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM REMAINS UNSOLVED! HOW DO WE TRAP **CONGORILLA**?

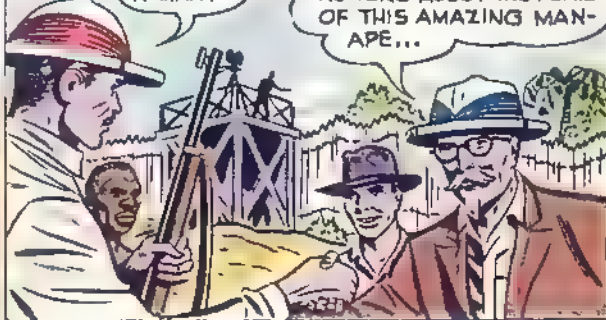
THERE'S ONLY ONE HUNTER RESOURCEFUL ENOUGH TO CAPTURE THE GOLDEN GORILLA! --**CONGO BILL**! LET'S SEND FOR HIM IMMEDIATELY!

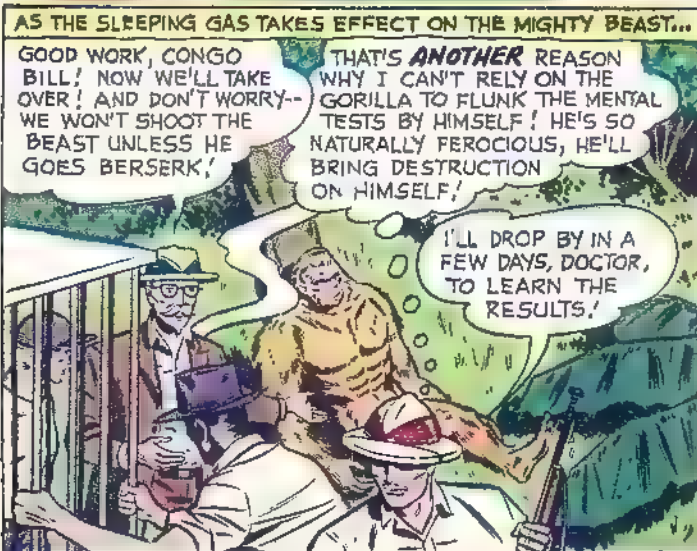
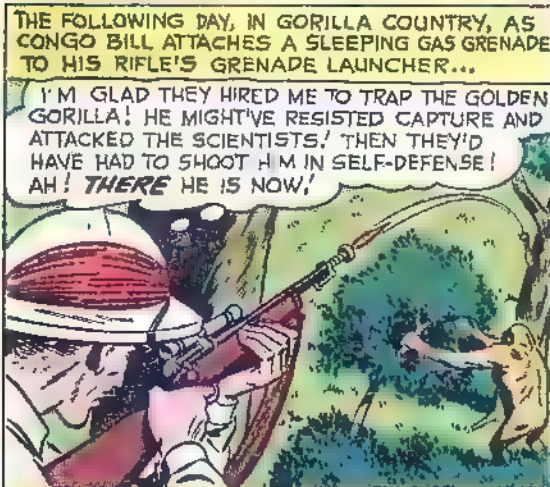
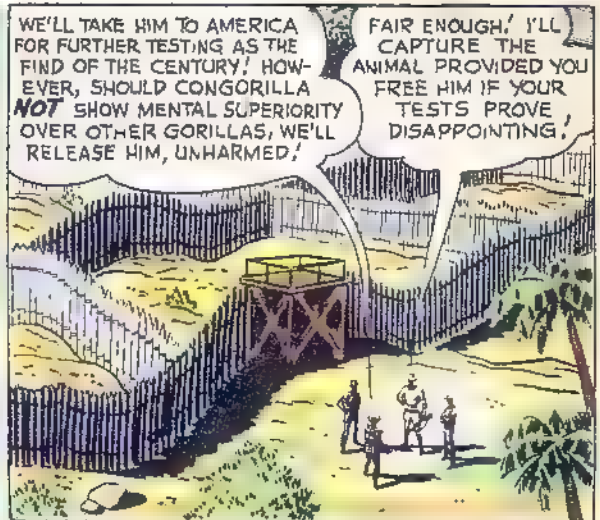
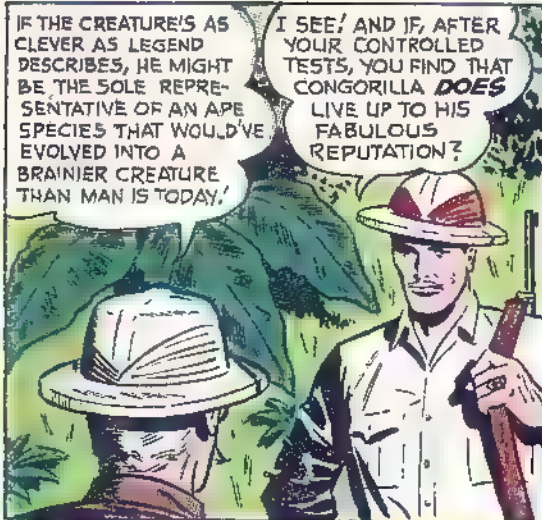


TWO DAYS LATER, AS A NATIVE RUNNER RETURNS WITH THE INTREPID JUNGLE ADVENTURER...

I HEAR YOU INTEND TO PUT **CONGORILLA** BEHIND BARS! THAT'S NO EASY TASK, DR. PAXTON! THEY SAY THE GOLDEN APE THINKS LIKE A MAN!

PRECISELY WHY WE WANT TO GIVE THE BEAST A SERIES OF EXTRAORDINARY TESTS, CONGO BILL! FOR MONTHS, WE'VE HEARD FANTASTIC RUMORS ABOUT THE FEATS OF THIS AMAZING MAN-APE...





INSTANTLY, UPON RUBBING THE MAGIC RING, THE GAS-NUMBERED BRAIN OF THE GORILLA ENTERS CONGO BILL'S BODY AND GOES RIGHT ON SLEEPING.



AT THE SAME TIME, AS CONGO BILL'S EGO ENTERS THE BEETLE-BROWED SKULL OF CONGORILLA...

LOOK, DR. PAXTON! THE GORILLA'S COMING TO!

WHAT RECUPERAT VE POWERS! I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO ADMINISTER A STIMULANT TO AROUSE CONGORILLA! NOW WE CAN BEGN THE EXPERIMENTS AS SOON AS WE REACH THE MAZE!



LATER THAT DAY, AT THE TESTING GROUNDS...

THIS WILL TEST CONGORILLA'S INTELLIGENCE! A BUNCH OF BANANAS SURROUNDED BY FIRE--WITH ONLY ONE SAFE APPROACH TO THE BANANAS--FROM THE REAR!

LOOK AT THE BEAST! HE'S GONE MAD! HE'S PULVERIZING ROCKS!



LOOK OUT! HE'S THROWING 'EM AT US! DUCK! FOR WHAT I HAVE TO DO NEXT, I WANT NO AUDIENCE!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE ROCK BARRAGE CEASES...

THE STUPID BEAST, HE DIDN'T EVEN EXAMINE THE PROBLEM! HE'S THRUSTING HIS PAW INTO THE FLAME!

LITTLE DO THE SCIENTISTS REALIZE THAT THE ROCK I CRUSHED WAS CHRYSOTILE ROCK--THE SOURCE OF ASBESTOS FIBRES--THE WORLD'S MOST EFFECTIVE FIREPROOFING SUBSTANCE!



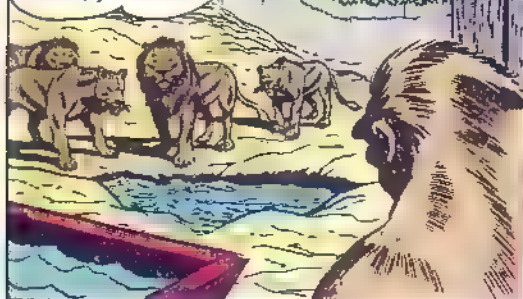
THE ROCK BARRAGE PREVENTED THE SCIENTISTS FROM NOTICING I COVERED MY PAW WITH CRUDE ASBESTOS FIBRES BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE FLAME!

THIS IS SHOCKING! EVEN THE DUMBEST AN MAL AVO DS FIRE!... NOW LET'S TRY THE WATER-HOLE EXPERIMENT!



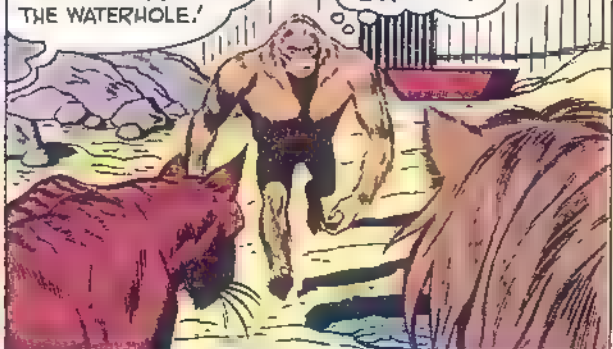
PRESENTLY, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE MAZE...

GORILLAS FEAR LIONS! AS THIRSTY AS ANY GORILLA MIGHT GET, HE HAS ENOUGH INSTINCT TO AVOID THE KING OF THE BEASTS! ESPECIALLY IF A TROUGH OF WATER IS AVAILABLE, **WITHOUT RISK**, NEARBY!



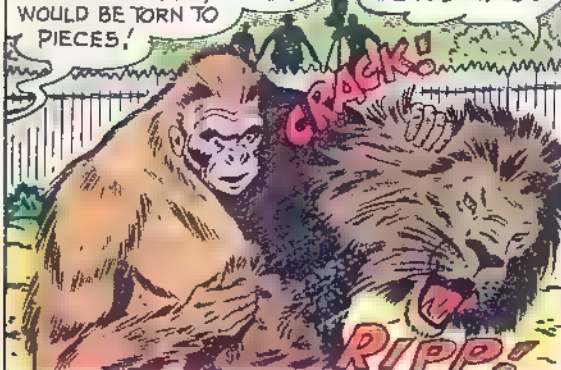
LOOK AT **OUR** GORILLA! HIS SAVAGERY IS **GREATER** THAN HIS BRAIN-POWER! HE'S CHARGING PAST THE TROUGH! HE'S CHALLENGING THE LION'S RIGHT TO THE WATERHOLE!

THOSE SCIENTISTS AREN'T FOOLING ME! THESE LIONS **AREN'T REAL!** THEIR CLOTH SKINS ARE **RIPLLING IN THE BREEZE!**



OF ALL THE STUPID--! THE **CONGORILLA** HASN'T ENOUGH BRAINS TO OBEY THE ANIMAL KINGDOM'S MOST BASIC INSTINCT-- **SELF-PRESERVATION!** IF THOSE LIONS WERE REAL, THE APE WOULD BE TORN TO PIECES!

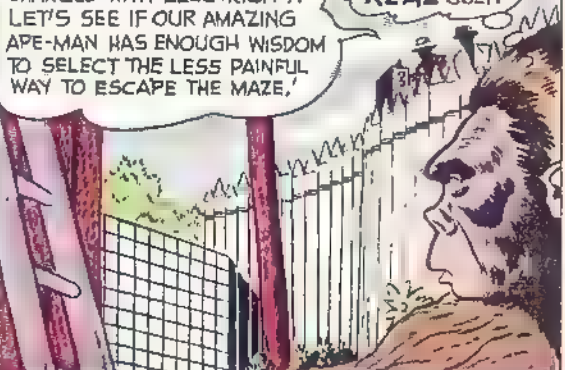
YOU'RE RIGHT, THE **CONGORILLA** LEGEND BEGINS TO LOOK LIKE PURE **HOKUM!** THIS APE IS **STUPID!**



AS THE DISGUSTED SCIENTISTS ATTEMPT A THIRD EXPERIMENT...

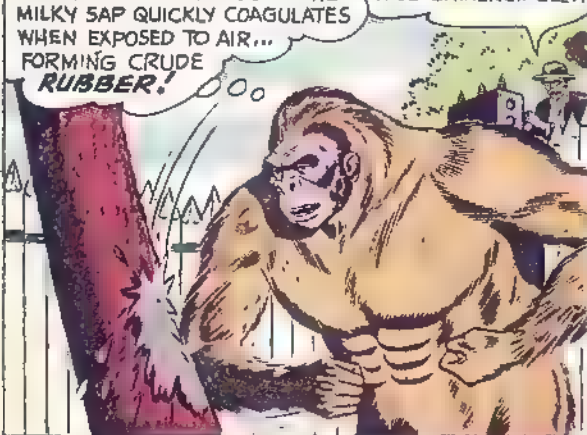
THERE'S A LADDER--AND HERE'S AN EXIT BLOCKED BY A STEEL SCREEN CHARGED WITH ELECTRICITY! LET'S SEE IF OUR AMAZING APE-MAN HAS ENOUGH WISDOM TO SELECT THE LESS PAINFUL WAY TO ESCAPE THE MAZE.

ELECTRICITY, EH? I'LL GIVE OUR FRIENDS A **REAL JOLT!**



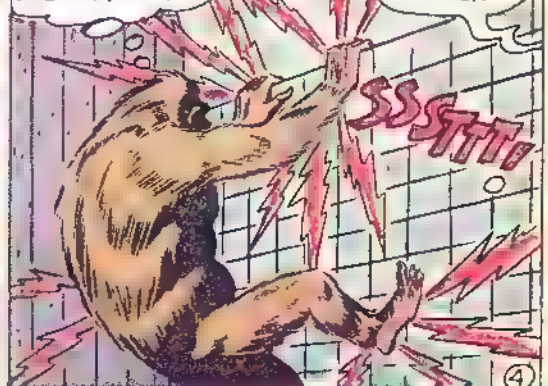
WHO'D EXPECT A GORILLA TO RECOGNIZE A **RUBBER** TREE? A FEW CLTS IN THE BARK AND THE STICKY LATEX FLOWS OUT! THE MILKY SAP QUICKLY COAGULATES WHEN EXPOSED TO AIR... FORMING CRUDE **RUBBER!**

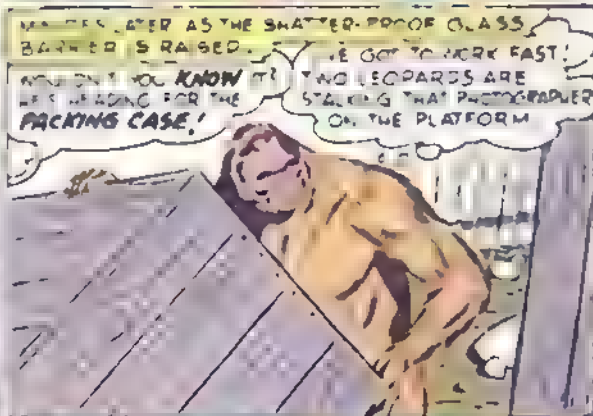
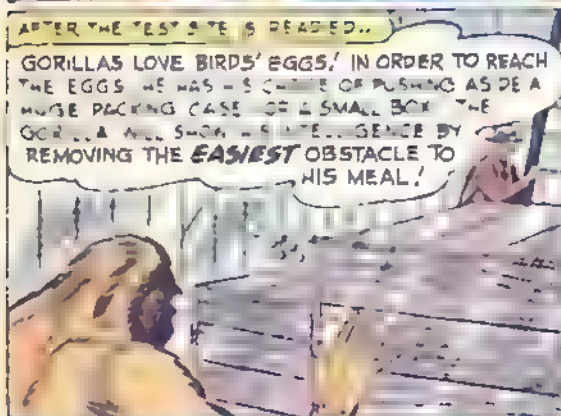
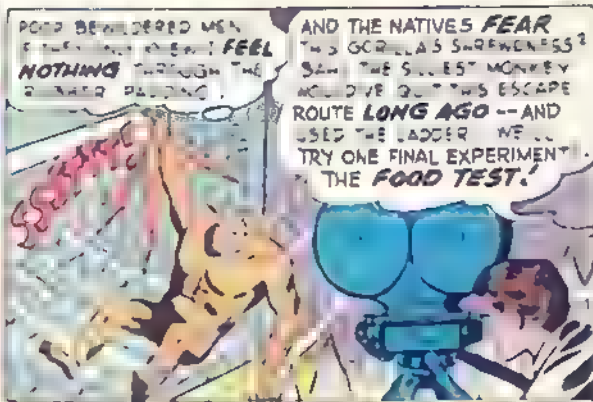
LOOK! THE DIM-WITTED APE IS BATTERING THAT TREE UNMERCIFULLY!



NOW THAT I'VE SECRETLY COATED ALL MY PAWS WITH RUBBER... I'VE GOT THE **FINEST ELECTRICAL INSULATION!**

H-HE'S GOING FOR THE EXIT BLOCKED BY THE ELECTRIFIED SCREEN! IT'LL GIVE **CONGORILLA** A GOOD SHOCK!





SHORTLY AFTER...

GENTLEMEN YOU SAW THE EVIDENCE! CONGORILLA'S BRAINS ARE **STANDARD** EVEN FOR A **NORMAL** GORILLA! CONCLUDE? THE **CONGORILLA** LEGENDS ARE PURE FICTION! LET THE DUMB BEAST GO FREE!

I **DID IT!** I PERMANENTLY DISCOURAGED ANY SCIENTISTS FROM WANTING TO CAPTURE **CONGORILLA** TO DISCOVER THE REASON FOR HIS UNIQUE INTELLIGENCE!

FROM NOW ON, SCIENTISTS WILL CONSIDER ALL THE **CONGORILLA** STORES JUNGLE BUNKUM AND LEAVE THE GOLDEN GORILLA IN PEACE! NOW I'LL RUB THE MAGIC RING ON THE GORILLA'S FINGER... AND RETURN TO MY OWN BODY!

AND SO MOMENTS LATER, AFTER EXECUTING THE ASTOUNDING TRANSFER OF IDENTITIES...

IT'S A GOOD THING I MARKED THE WAY OUT OF **THIS** MAZE WITH COAL MARKINGS! **FIFTY** MENTAL GANTS COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM **THIS** LABYRINTH!

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I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, CONGO BILL! THAT CONGORILLA LEGEND IS PURE BUNK! THE GOLDEN GORILLA IS THE DUMBEST OF THE DUMB!

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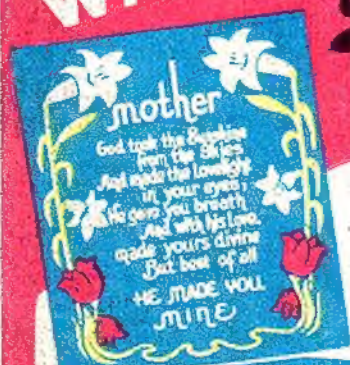
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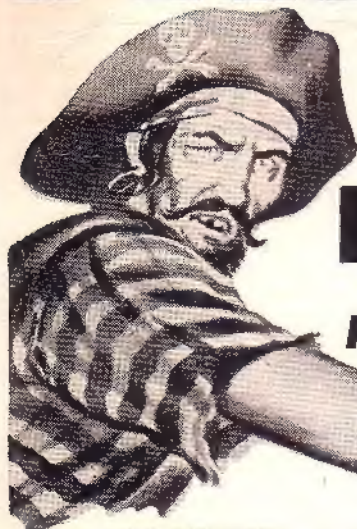
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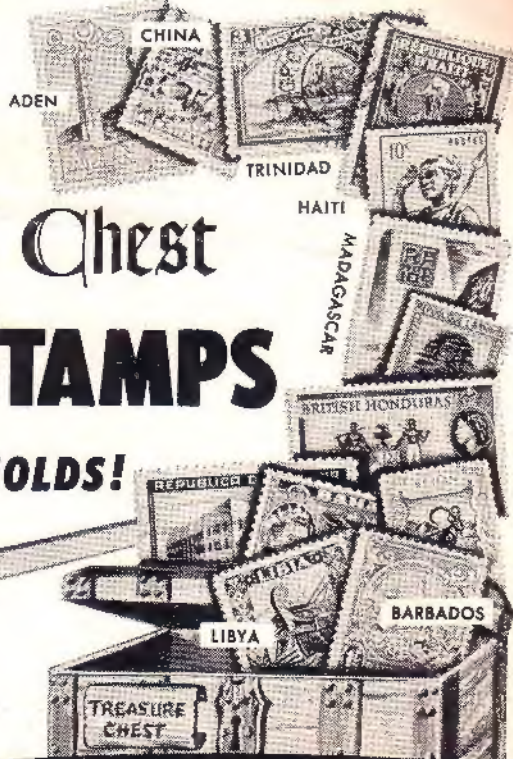
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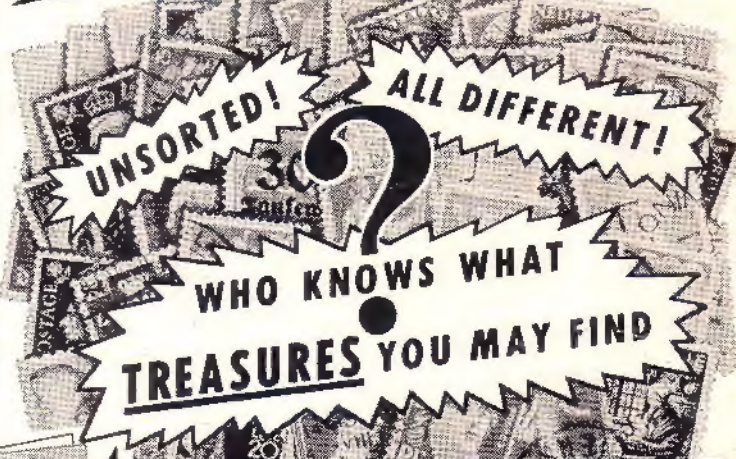


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